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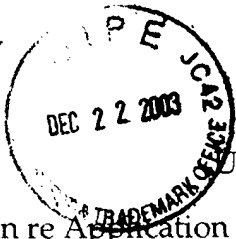
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Application No.: 09/674,714)
Filed: December 19, 2000)
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Read/Write Device)

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Examiner: Jamara Franklin
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Response to Office Action with Conditional Amendments

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the office action mailed November 5, 2003, the applicant respectfully submits this response with conditional amendments, as explained below.

As required by the newly-amended Rule 1.121, the amendments are submitted on their own pages.

Remarks

Special Status of the Present Application

The applicant respectfully reminds the examiner that the present application has been accorded special status due to actual infringement. Notwithstanding the special status of the present application, this application has been subject to piecemeal examination, in violation of MPEP 707.07(g). Three office actions have now been issued in this case, and each office action has relied on different primary references. Thus, the first office action relied primarily on the Lester (6,061,446) and Braun (6,300,936) references. When the applicant overcame these references, the examiner cited a new reference in the second office action, namely the Wilson design patent (D 380, 462). The applicant then distinguished that reference, but the examiner now cites a new reference, namely the Patret publication (PCT WO 95/24008). The applicant was surprised by this citation of